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Contractor License Revocations

RICHMOND – The Virginia Board for Contractors issued 13 license revocations at its most recent meeting Tuesday, March 28. Following is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of the file orders are available online at www.dpor.virginia.gov under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

TIMOTHY W. JARVIS trading as BUILDERS 'R' US

MAX MEADOWS, VA

File Number 2005-05049

COMPLAINANT – Barbara and Norrid Eversole (Wytheville, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Jarvis failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside his class and specialty of license; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to notify the Board of his misdemeanor conviction; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705082158 and \$7,900 in fines.

MICKEY SHANNON HIGGINS trading as HIGGINS HOME IMPROVEMENT

PAMPLIN, VA

File Number 2005-00942

COMPLAINANT – Brenda Campbell (Cumberland, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Higgins failed to include all required provisions in the written contract and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705064675.

JOHN M. LLOYD trading as MOUNTAIN VIEW PLUMBING

LURAY, VA

File Number 2005-03758

COMPLAINANT – Carla and Bradley Chamberlain (Stanley, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Lloyd failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; engaged in negligence or incompetence in the practice of contracting; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705051642 and \$6,500 in fines.

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**SCOTT A. STEELE trading as BORN AGAIN HOMES
WINCHESTER, VA**

File Number 2005-04400

COMPLAINANT – Charlene Armel (Strasburg, VA)

VIOLATION – Steele failed to apply for new licensure following a change in business entity; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to notify the Board of an address change; failed to report a change of qualified individual; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705084970 and \$5,150 in fines.

**ROBERT E. TURNER trading as CONCRETE BY US
RHOADESVILLE, VA**

File Number 2005-04217

COMPLAINANT – Catherine and William Anderson (Locust Grove, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Turner practiced outside his class of license; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; engaged in negligence or incompetence in the practice of contracting; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to notify the Board of an address change.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705091103 and \$4,600 in fines.

**WENDELL JOHN JOHNSON, JR. trading as MILLENNIUM CONSTRUCTION
HAMILTON, VA**

File Number 2005-04464

COMPLAINANT – Sheryl and David Bohon (Hamilton, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Johnson practiced outside his class of license and failed to notify the Board of an address change.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705051047.

**RON A. HODGES
WOODBIDGE, VA**

File Number 2006-00010

COMPLAINANT – Elizabeth Ardoin (Arlington, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Hodges failed to execute a written contract; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to respond to an investigator; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705084505 and \$6,500 in fines.

**MICHAEL B. ANDREWS trading as ANDREW'S CONSTRUCTION
STAFFORD, VA**

File Number 2006-01280

COMPLAINANT – Robert Moss (Woodbridge, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Andrews failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705087100 and \$3,700 in fines.

**LLOYD L. SANER trading as SANER CONSTRUCTION
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**

File Number 2006-00749

COMPLAINANT – Joseph Dwight Spivey (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Saner failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside his class of license; failed to obtain required building permits; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705078069 and \$6,250 in fines.

**NEVETS CONSTRUCTION CO. LLC
HAMPTON, VA**

File Number 2005-03767

COMPLAINANT – Joan Allison (Norfolk, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Nevets failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705070966 and \$3,000 in fines.

**CHRISTOPHER E. TESTER trading as BASIC HOME IMPROVEMENTS
PORTSMOUTH, VA**

File Number 2006-01682

COMPLAINANT – Anonymous

VIOLATIONS – Tester shared a substantial identity of interest with a contractor whose license had previously been revoked.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705086005.

**CHRISTOPHER PATETE trading as STURDY BUILT MFG
EAST FREEDOM, PA**

File Number 2006-00923

COMPLAINANT – Sandra and Richard Saxer (Reedsville, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Patete failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to execute a fully written contract; and engaged in negligence or incompetence in the practice of contracting.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705027175 and \$2,800 in fines.

**WCI CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.
FRANKLIN PARK, IL**

File Number 2005-03302

COMPLAINANT – Virginia Board for Contractors (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – WCI Construction failed to apply for new licensure following a change in business entity; failed to report a change of designated employee and qualified individual; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705055715.

About DPOR and the Board for Contractors:

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) nearly 40 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 300,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Contractors licenses more than 100,000 Virginia businesses and individuals. The Board is composed of a Class A general contractor; a sub-contractor; contractors specializing in utilities, commercial and industrial buildings, single-family residences, and home improvements; a building supplier; a local building official; licensed tradesmen in plumbing, electrical, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); and two citizen members.

The Board administers the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund, which provides monetary relief to eligible consumers who incur losses through the improper and dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor. The fund is supported entirely by assessments paid by licensed contractors, not by any tax revenues.

For more information, visit DPOR online at www.dpor.virginia.gov.